

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation on August 27, 1998

## NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-96-1599

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applicant: Sabena S.A., Sabena Belgian World Airlines Date Filed: July 21, 1998

Relief requested: Renew exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail from points behind Belgium via Belgium and intermediate points to a point or points in the United States and beyond, for a period of two years.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: August 14, 1996 (confirmed in Order 96-10-13)

Applicant representative: R. Tenney Johnson 202-663-9030

Responsive pleadings: None

## DISPOSITION

Action: Approved

Action date: August 27, 1998

Effective dates of authority granted: August 27, 1998 - August 27, 2000

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): U.S.-Belgium Air Transport Agreement, as amended

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

\_\_ Standard exemption conditions (attached)

\_\_ Foreign air carrier permit conditions (Order 86-3-59)

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks:

Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director

Office of International Aviation

We found that the applicant was qualified to perform its proposed operations.

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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